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Preparations for the fifth programming cycle

The Governing Council,

Recalling its decision 90/34 of 23 June 1990, in particular paragraphs 34, 35 and 39 thereof,

Having considered the report of the Administrator on preparations for the fifth programming cycle (DP/1991/24),

1. Takes note of the recommendation of the Administrator that the question of Special Drawing Rights as the unit of account should not be pursued at the present time;

2. Decides that countries with a per capita gross national product above $6,000 or small island developing countries with a population of less than 2 million and a per capita gross national product above $7,500 shall not be issued an indicative planning figure in the fifth programming cycle;

3. Approves the methods for the calculation of indicative planning figures and the programme planning arrangements in the fifth programming cycle, as outlined in section II, paragraph 7 (a), of document DP/1991/24, for countries with a per capita gross national product above $3,000 but not more than $6,000 and for small island developing countries with a population of less than 2 million and a per capita gross national product above $4,200 but not more than $7,500 which did not have net contributor obligations in the fourth cycle;

4. Approves the methods for the calculation of indicative planning figures and the programme planning arrangements in the sixth programming cycle, as outlined in section II, paragraph 7 (b), of document DP/1991/24, for countries with a per capita gross national product above $3,000 but not more than $6,000 and for small island developing countries with a population of less than 2 million and a per capita gross national product of more than $4,200 but not more than $7,500 which had net-contributor obligations in the fourth cycle;

5. Decides that the indicative planning figures of the countries covered by the above allocations shall be provided from the amount of $11.55 million set aside for those countries and that any shortfall in the amount of indicative planning figures to which they are entitled shall be provided from the unallocated funds within the total amount of resources allocated to country indicative planning figures in the fifth programming cycle;

6. Decides that, when the per capita gross national product of a country in any of the years 1990-1996 falls below the applicable threshold established in paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of the present decision, the methods for the calculation of its indicative planning figure and programme planning arrangements shall become those that would have applied if its 1989 per capita gross national product had been at the lower per capita gross national product level;

7. Decides that, for the purpose of calculating fifth programming cycle entitlements in accordance with paragraph 3 of the present decision, the accounts for fourth cycle obligations and payments will be finalized at 31 December 1991;

8. Decides that developing countries that are no longer recipients of United Nations Development Programme resources under the country indicative planning figures will continue to be entitled to participate as recipients in all other components of the United Nations Development Programme, including projects financed under the regional and interregional indicative planning figures and projects financed from the Special Programme Resources;

9. Approves the provisions for the maintenance of field offices as outlined in section II, paragraphs 9 and 10, of document DP/1991/24, [except that the Administrator will be guided by the principles that countries with programme activities that exceed $15 million in the course of the fifth programming cycle could be provided with a Resident Representative and Deputy Resident Representative financed by the United Nations Development Programme, and that countries with programme activities that exceed $10 million could be provided with a Resident Representative financed by the United Nations Development Programme];

10. [Decides that field offices in countries covered by section II, paragraphs 9 and 10, of document DP/1991/24 that do not meet the programme-level criteria for the maintenance of field offices referred to in paragraph 9 of the present decision shall not be closed on this basis, bearing

in mind the principle of the universality of the United Nations Development Programme, provided that this will entail no cost to the Programme in maintaining a field office in each of these countries;]

11. Requests the Administrator to consult and negotiate with the countries covered by the present decision on the projected level of their programme expenditures, the size of their field offices or necessary services to be provided from a convenient location, as applicable, and the required local office contributions in the fifth programming cycle, and requests the Administrator to report on the outcome of these consultations and to make recommendations to the Governing Council concerning the maintenance of field offices in these countries at [its special session in February 1992] [its thirty-ninth session];

12. Requests the Administrator to prepare an issues paper on the methodology for allocating programme resources of the United Nations Development Programme in the sixth programming cycle for the consideration of the Governing Council at its thirty-ninth session (1992) to serve as the basis for the elaboration of a conceptual paper on this matter.